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In re Application of

Customer Number: 20277

Chie KABUO

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Application No.: 10/654,884

Group Art Unit: 2825

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Examiner: LEVIN, Naum B.

For: SYSTEM FOR ESTIMATING PERFORMANCE OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT IN

REGISTER TRANSFER LEVEL

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Noting the Office Action of June 22, 2005, Applicant hereby elects Group II, corresponding to Claims 2 through 5 for prosecution in this application.

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Official Action and reconsideration of the election requirement is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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